

**REMARKS**

The foregoing amendments to the claims are made to address the rejections maintained in the Advisory Action, as discussed with the Examiner in the telephone conversation of August 13, 2004. In particular, minor wording changes have been made to claims 5, 6, 13-16, 35 and 36, as suggested by the Examiner.

The specification has been amended to refer to subparts of the formal drawings being provided. Apparently, the formal drawings previously provided to the Patent Office were incomplete. Accordingly, a new set of formal drawings is being submitted.

As explained to the Examiner in the telephone conference of August 13, 2004, formal Figure 8A has been corrected to refer to construct N19 rather than N10. Support for this amendment can be found in the description of Figure 8 found at page 32, line 23 of the specification. Thus, no new matter is added by way of this correction.

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

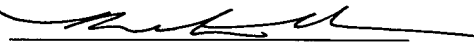
Applicants respectfully submit that the claims define a patentable invention.  
Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is believed in order and is respectfully requested.

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